

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claim 1 - Cancelled

Claim 2 - Cancelled

Add the following new claims:

3. (New) Apparatus adapted for placement on audio and video equipment for improving quality of performance thereof, said apparatus comprising as a first part, an aluminum body having a conical shape and weighing approximately 80g, said aluminum body having a base diameter of 5.5 cm, and a height of 4.4 cm said body having a perforation beginning at a center of the base and extending spirally in decreasing diameter in an ascending vertical direction, and as a second part a wooden base for supporting said first part, said wooden base having a cylindrical shape having a diameter of 5.5 cm and a height of 1.5 cm.

4. (New) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said first and second parts are secured together.